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supply circuit component mounted thereon to drive the piezoelectric transformer, the second electrodes being provided with terminals, respectively, each of the terminals being connected to said circuit board.

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4. (Amended) A piezoelectric transformer as claimed in claim 3, wherein said piezoelectric transformer body comprises said layered structure, said first electrodes being formed on the opposite side surfaces of said layered structure and being connected to said internal electrodes, said second electrodes being formed on the side surfaces in areas different from those of said first electrodes of said layered structure and which are kept at a same potential and connected to said circuit board.

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7. (Amended) A piezoelectric transformer as claimed in claim 14, wherein said second electrode comprises a single output electrode formed at one end of said piezoelectric transformer body, said output electrode being provided with two terminals, said two terminals being electrically connected to said circuit board.

Please add the following claims.

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-- 12. (New) A piezoelectric transformer as claimed in claim 10, said piezoelectric transformer comprising a piezoelectric transformer body

including a piezoelectric ceramic rectangular plate, a pair of first electrodes formed on at least one of top and bottom surfaces and both side surfaces of a first approximate half of the transformer body in its longitudinal direction, and at least one second electrode formed on at least one of said side surfaces and an end surface of a second approximate half of the transformer body in its longitudinal direction, wherein the piezoelectric transformer is mounted on a circuit board with a power supply circuit component mounted thereon to drive the piezoelectric transformer, the second electrode being provided with a plurality of terminals each of which is connected to said circuit board.

13. (New) A piezoelectric transformer as claimed in claim 12, wherein said piezoelectric transformer body comprises one of a layered structure formed by alternately stacking a plurality of inner electrodes and a plurality of piezoelectric ceramic layers in a thickness direction, or a single piezoelectric ceramics layer.

14. (New) A piezoelectric transformer as claimed in claim 13, wherein said piezoelectric transformer and said circuit board are electrically connected by at least one of a lead wire and a FPC.

15. (New) A piezoelectric transformer as claimed in claim 14, wherein said piezoelectric transformer body comprises said layered

structure, said first electrodes being formed on opposite side surfaces of said layered structure and being connected to said inner electrodes, said second electrode comprising at least one pair of electrodes which are formed on the side surfaces in areas different from those of said first electrodes of said layered structure and which are kept at a same potential and connected to said circuit board.

16. (New) A piezoelectric transformer as claimed in claim 15, wherein a plurality of pairs of said second electrode are arranged in parallel to one another in the longitudinal direction, each pair of said second electrode being connected to output terminals, and adjacent pairs of said second electrode being connected to said circuit board.

17. (New) A piezoelectric transformer as claimed in claim 16, wherein said piezoelectric transformer forms an inverter power supply.--